



Mr. Patrick Murphy

Acting Secretary of the United States Army



Mr. Patrick J. Murphy was appointed Acting Secretary of the Army by President Obama on Jan. 7, 2016. As Secretary of the Army, he has statutory responsibility for all matters relating to the United States Army: manpower, personnel, reserve affairs, installations, environmental issues, weapons systems and equipment acquisition, communication, and financial management.

He was recently sworn in as the 32nd under secretary of the Army and Chief Management Officer by President Obama on Jan. 4, 2016. He serves as the Secretary of the Army's senior civilian assistant and principal adviser on matters related to the management and operation of the Army, including development and integration of the Army Program and Budget. As the Chief Management Officer (CMO) of the Army, he advises the Secretary on the effective and efficient organization of the Army's business operations and initiatives for the business transformation of the Army which includes 1.3 million personnel and a budget of approximately \$144 billion.

Prior to his confirmation, Mr. Murphy was a litigation partner at the law firm of Fox Rothschild, where he served as an outside general counsel for small businesses, including several that were veteran-owned.

From 2011-2015, Mr. Murphy was a television contributor to NBC Universal and an anchor for MSNBC's "Taking the Hill," where he broke down the civil-military divide and addressed issues affecting the veteran community.

From 2007-2011, Mr. Murphy served in the U.S. Congress, representing the Eighth Congressional District of Pennsylvania. He also served on the Armed Services, Select Intelligence, and Appropriations committees. He has co-authored several initiatives including the 21st Century GI Bill, the Repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell, and Hire Our Heroes legislation. In 2008, he was also instrumental in making the Washington Crossing National Veterans Cemetery a reality. He authored the Improper Payments Bill, which saved the American taxpayer tens of billions of dollars per year. He served two terms in the U.S. House of Representatives and led efforts in passing historic legislation in the energy, healthcare and education fields.

Mr. Murphy, a third generation veteran, was commissioned as a second lieutenant and later served in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps as a criminal prosecutor and as an assistant professor in the Department of Law at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY. Immediately following 9/11, He served two overseas deployments-Tuzla, Bosnia in 2002 and Baghdad, Iraq in 2003-04. While serving in Iraq with the 82nd Airborne Division, he led a Brigade Operational Law Team (BOLT) and also earned a Bronze Star for his service. He oversaw the justice system for the 1.5 million Iraqis in south central Baghdad, and a full spectrum of legal responsibility for 3,500 paratroopers in his combat brigade.

Mr. Murphy is a graduate of King's College, the University of Scranton ROTC program, and the Widener University Commonwealth School of Law.

He is married and has two children.